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REMARKS

1. At 4 p. m. on 18 February 1952, there was no flying at Dessau airfield.

The snow was not removed. At 6 p. m. on 19 February, the same number of planes was identified. At 10:30 a. m. on 20 February, 49 IL-10s and 5 U-2s were counted on the southern edge of the field. It was raining and the visibility was poor.

loaded with milk cans was observed entering and leaving the field. At 11 a. m. on 3 March, the same number of aircraft was observed as on 20 February.

2. On 17 and 23 February and on 1 and 8 March, 50 IL-10s and 5 biplanes were observed at the field. There was no flying.
3. Between 23 February and 10 March, the field was occupied by about 50 IL-10 and 5 biplanes. Individual flying by IL-10s was only observed on 26 February between 1 and 4 p. m. and on 8 March between 9 a. m. and 1 p. m. There was no air activity on the other days. Two stocks of ammunition were observed on the northern edge of the field between the low wooden buildings which had corrugated sheet metal roofs. The ammunition boxes observed there were about 20 x 40 x 100 centimeters large. The former Otto Mader Plant was still occupied by the personnel of the field. About 60 percent of the windows were lighted at night.
4. On 2 March, about 48 single-engine aircraft, which were parked in two rows, and 5 biplanes were observed on the southern edge of the field. There was no flying, but the aircraft engines were repeatedly started. Visibility was limited to about 5 km. On 14 March, about 50 single-engine aircraft and 5 biplanes were located at the field. On 7 and 14 March, individual flying involving diving and formation flying up to squadron strength was practiced.

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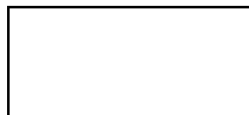
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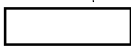
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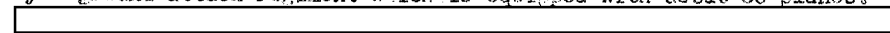


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 Comment. The report confirms that Dessau airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment which is equipped with about 60 planes. The


Seven railroad tank cars with fuel last arrived for the regiment on 22 and 23 February.

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